

**METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR PROVIDING  
DISPLAY INFORMATION TO A FLAT PANEL DISPLAY**

Abstract of the Disclosure

5           In a specific embodiment of the present invention, a monitor detect pin associated  
with a connector for a flat panel display (FPD) is monitored by a detect module. When  
an external flat panel device is connected, the monitor detect pin is activated. In response  
to the monitor detect pin being activated, a system interrupt is generated. System  
software can determine whether to drive FPD. When an external FPD is disconnected,  
10   the transmission minimized differential signaling drivers are disabled.